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TC 1700**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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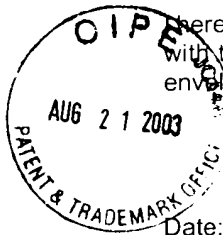
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For: MINERAL GEAR OILS AND TRANSMISSION FLUIDS

RESPONSE

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application. A Petition and Fee for a three month extension of time is also filed with this application. This Amendment is being filed after a Notice of Appeal mailed March 12, 2003 which bears a USPTO date stamp of March 17, 2003. With August 17, 2003 being Sunday, Applicant believes that this RCE application is timely filed.

Applicant requests entry of the following amendment.